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THANK YOU

to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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CATTLE PRICES UP FROM LAST YEAR

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during May was 134 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 1 point (1 percent) from last month but up 18 points (16 percent) from May 2009. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 132, was down 2 points (1 percent) from April but up 23 points (21 percent) from May 2009. Prices for all livestock were up compared to both last month and last year. Cow prices averaged \$59.40 per hundredweight, up 80 cents from April and up \$10.40 from last year. Steer and heifer prices, at \$112.00 per hundredweight, were up \$3.00 from April and up \$16.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$137.00 per hundredweight, up \$5.00 from last month and up \$26.00 from last year. Sheep prices, at \$50.60,

were up 30 cents from April and \$18.80 above last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$117.00, were up \$2.00 from April and up \$17.00 from last year.

The **All Crops Index**, at 143, was up 5 points (4 percent) from April but down 21 points (13 percent) from last May. Hay prices were up from the previous month but down from last year. Alfalfa hay, up \$4.00 from last month but down \$39.00 from last year, came in at \$91.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$83.00 per ton, was up \$5.00 from last month and down \$34.00 from last year.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 141 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, hogs, and strawberries and lower prices for onions, eggs, sweet corn, and tomatoes. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of sweet corn, broilers, grapes, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (8.5 percent) from May 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 142, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from last month and increased 16 points (13 percent) from May 2009.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, MAY 2009, APRIL 2010, AND MAY 15, 2010 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		MAY 2009	APR 2010	MAY 15 2010	MAY 2009	APR 2010	MAY 15 2010	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	49.00	58.60	59.40	48.80	57.50	59.50	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	96.00	109.00	112.00	87.70	101.00	101.00	—
Calves	100#	111.00	132.00	137.00	111.00	122.00	123.00	35
Sheep	100#	31.80	50.30	50.60	31.70	48.70	1/	—
Lambs	100#	100.00	115.00	117.00	102.00	119.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	3.96	3.41	3.41	38
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.64	2.25	2.04	34
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.99	2.40	2.42	—
Winter Wheat	Bu.	5.40	2/	2/	5.52	4.19	4.10	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	2/	27.60	30.80	30.00	43
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	130.00	87.00	91.00	137.00	113.00	121.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	117.00	78.00	83.00	112.00	99.30	99.70	—
1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/ Insufficient sales								
NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.								
INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.								
1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES				
	MAY 2009	APR 2010	MAY 15 2010	MAY 2009	APR 2010	MAY 15 2010		
All Commodities	116	135	134	130	138	141		
All Crops	164	138	143	150	149	150		
All Livestock and Products	109	134	132	113	128	132		

NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ALL HIRED AG WORKER'S WAGE RATE DOWN FROM JANUARY

The number of hired farm and ranch workers in the tri-state region during the week April 11-17, 2010 was up 5,000 (25 percent) from a year ago. During this period, 25,000 hired workers were working on farms and ranches in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region which includes **Wyoming**, Montana, and Idaho. The total excludes agricultural service workers. Of the 25,000 hired workers, 21,000 were expected to work for 150 days or more and 4,000 were expected to work 149 days or less, compared with 18,000 and 2,000 last year. The number of hired workers during the previous survey week January 10-16, 2010 was 16,000.

The average wage rate for all hired workers in the tri-state labor force during the survey week was \$10.14 per hour, down \$1.10 from January and down \$0.31 from April 2009. Hired field workers were paid an average wage of \$9.63 per hour compared with \$10.23 last year. Hired livestock workers averaged \$9.56 per hour compared with \$10.01 last year.

The average number of hours worked during the survey week was 44.0 up 1.5 hours from last April.

UNITED STATES: There were 997,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 11-17, 2010, up 10 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 737,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 260,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.83 per hour during the April 2010 reference week, down 1 cent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.04 per hour, up 5 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$10.31 per hour compared with \$10.25 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.13 per hour, was up 6 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Farm Wage Rates by Type of Worker, Selected Regions and U.S., April 11-17, 2010 1/

Region	Hired Workers			
	Type of Worker			
	Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk Combined	All Hired Workers
	Dollars per hour			
Mtn I 2/	9.63	9.56	9.60	10.14
Mtn II 3/	10.90	11.15	11.00	11.93
No Plns 4/	11.84	10.92	11.40	11.83
U.S. 5/	10.04	10.31	10.13	10.83

1/ Excludes Ag Service Workers
2/ Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming
3/ Colorado, Nevada and Utah

4/ Kansas, Nebraska, North & South Dakota
5/ Excludes Alaska

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on June 1, 2010. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.02 million, 23 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.92 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000, 600-699 pounds were 405,000, 700-799 pounds were 537,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 635,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.87 million, 4 percent below 2009. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of May since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 102,000 during May, 1 percent above 2009.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, JUNE 1, 2009-2010 1/

State	On Feed May 1, 2010	Place- ments May 2010	Market- ings May 2010	Other Disapp. May 2010	On Feed Jun 1, 2010	On Feed Jun 1, 2009
Thousand Head						
CO	940	185	135	20	970	980
KS	2,130	420	405	15	2,130	2,080
NE	2,240	380	455	25	2,140	2,110
TX	2,510	620	475	15	2,640	2,610
Oth Sts.	*2,623	487	399	27	2,614	2,627
U.S.	*10,443	2,022	1,869	102	10,494	10,407

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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WYOMING COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 80 PERCENT OF LAST APRIL

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during April 2010 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was equal to last month's production, and 20 percent less than April 2009 production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Six hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during April, 100 less head than a year ago. Total live weight was 648,000 pounds, down 16.2 percent from the previous April. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,174 pounds, up 46 pounds from April 2009.

A total of 300 **commercial hogs** were processed, even with April of last year. Total live weight, at 64,000 pounds, was down 27.3 percent from April 2009. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 247 pounds, down 13 pounds from the previous year.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in April, unchanged from the same time last year. Total live weight came in at 8,000 pounds, down 3,000 pounds from a year ago. The average live weight, at 155 pounds, was down 9 pounds compared to the same month in 2009.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds in April, down 2 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in April 2009.

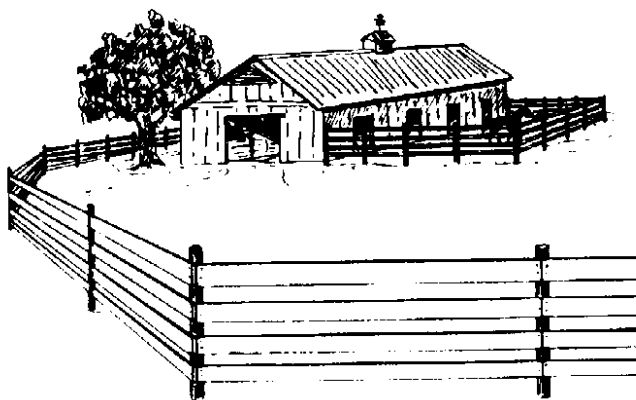
Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 3 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.05 million head, down 4 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 16 percent from April 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,700 head, 17 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

January to April 2010 commercial red meat production was 15.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER APRIL 2009 and 2010, WYOMING and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	April 2009	April 2010	April 2009	April 2010	10/09	April 2009	April 2010	April 2009	April 2010	10/09
			1,000 Pounds		Percent			1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	700	600	773	648	83.8	2,772,600	2,847,100	3,526,020	3,553,969	100.8
Hogs	300	300	88	64	72.2	9,436,700	9,054,100	2,656,380	2,466,226	92.8
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	11	8	72.3	228,900	190,700	30,801	25,972	84.3



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